

To the Editor

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Grace accused of token service for public relations

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Public Relations: A tool used by big business to quell any negative environment surrounding said business. This is what's happening in Libby. This is what W.R. Grace is doing with the so called medical card: A token service designed to hush public opinion in order to keep their stockholders happy and the company viable, even through bankruptcy.

They (Grace) told the state they would clean up their mess in

Libby and help those individuals in need of medical attention. This was nothing more than a ploy.

I recently found out that the insurance carrier for Grace denied 15 more claims for medical assistance, my wife was among those. She grew up in the Libby area; her dad worked at the leading dock. As a little girl she often helped her father by sweeping floors and general clean up. Her father died of mesothelioma (asbestosis) at the age of 50. He was

among the first to die of this terrible disease. Now, my wife has asbestosis and was denied the medical card. As I understand the company appointed two doctors to monitor and care for those in need of medical attention. Dr. Black and Dr. Whitehouse, the latter being a top pulmonary doctor in his field. They, according to the insurance carrier, H.N.A., told me Dr. Black was nothing but a pediatrician and Whitehouse was n't qualified. They have the ex-

perts.

I also have asbestosis that can be linked indirectly back to Grace. This disease doesn't care if you're rich or even an ex-governor, you die. But the stockholders and board members continue lining their pockets!

Honeland terrorism? It's time the government stepped in. You elected them, now let's see what they can do to help the people.

To be continued.

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